

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR & RD Department – Certain allegations against PR Engineering Officials on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (V), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charges framed against Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer MPP, Maddipadu (M) - Individual expired on 01.01.2019 - Further action abated subject to recovery of loss caused by him to Government, if any under Rule 9(7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 278

Dated: 26-05-2021.

Read the following:-

- 1.Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.72 (1338/V&E/E/2016), dated: 01.08.2017.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.428, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt.14.05.2018.
- 3.G.O.Rt.No.429, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt.14.05.2018.
- 4.From the ENC,PR, Letters No. Vig. III/25990/2016, dt: 20.08.2018 & 23.01.2019.
5. G.O.Rt.No.654, PR&RD (Vig.II) Deptt., Dt.23.10.2019.
- 6.From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Enquiry Officer, Letter Rc. No. A1/371/2018, dt: 06.04.2021

ORDER:

In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing the following article of charges under Rule 20 of said Rules against Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer MPP, Maddipadu (M) in respect of certain allegations on irregular payments to Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (V), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer, MPP, Maddipadu Madnal, Prakasam District has committed grave irregularities in execution of Cement and Gravel road works in Yedugundlapadu (v), Maddipadu (M), Prakasam District and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.8,75,428/- in contravention of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in as much as he :-

- i. Executed and recommended payments for 11 CC roads with substandard quality on Yedugundlapadu Panchayat, Maddipadu Mandal in Prakasam District. Out of 11 works executed, in 6 roads the CC

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pavement laid is liable for rejection as the deficiency in thickness is more than 25 mm (above tolerable limits) and in 5 roads the deficiency in thickness in CC pavement is within allowable limits. The rejected value of works in 6 roads is Rs.4,66,400/- apart from recovery of Rs.99,810/- for short thickness in remaining 5 roads.

- ii. Recorded and recommended for payment of 3 gravel roads in Yedugundlapadu without actually doing the work as per sanctioned estimate. A total work value of Rs.1,68,122/- (Rs.64,968/- + Rs.76,400/- + Rs.26,754/-) is liable for rejection towards short thickness observed in GSB layer with deficiency more than 20% in all the 3 roads.
- iii. Has not shown 6 M.Books pertaining to works taken up in Yedugundlapadu Panchayat to Vigilance & Enforcement staff after receiving complaint on these works.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, among others, has furnished dated acknowledgment copy relating to service of charges on the charged officer. He has further informed that charged officer was met with an accident and was hospitalized on 05.09.2018.

3. Government have examined the matter and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charged framed against the charged officer viz, Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer (PR) and also against two (2) other co-charged officers viz, Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, S.N. Padu, now working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Yerragondlapalem and Sri Y. Koteswara Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, SN.Padu, involved in the case.

4. Accordingly, Government issued orders in the reference 5th read above and appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole as the inquiry officer to conduct inquiry against the above (3) charged officers. The Executive Engineer, PR, Ongole has been appointed as the Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority, therein.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Ongole & Inquiry Officer has furnished inquiry report. The Inquiry Officer, among others, has mentioned that the Charged Officer was expired on 01.01.2019 after met with an accident. The Gram Panchaya has remitted back certain amounts and there is no financial loss on account of works. The Inquiry Officer has held that, based on the material evidence, the charges held are not proved on the Charged

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Officer. The competent authority has to decide to abate all further disciplinary proceedings against the deceased and subject to recovery of misappropriated amount if any, from his terminal benefits as per rules in force.

6. Government after examination of the matter, have decided to abate further action against the charged officer Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer, MPP, Maddipadu Madnal, Prakasam District (expired on 01.01.2019) subject to recovery of loss caused by him to Government, if any under Rule 9(7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby abate further action against Sri G. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Engineer, MPP, Maddipadu Madnal, Prakasam District (expired on 01.01.2019) subject to recovery of subject to recovery of loss caused by him to Government, if any under Rule 9(7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECREARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The legal heirs of the deceased officer
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER